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Governor Jan Brewer Proclaims Randall McDaniel Day

PHOENIX – During the halftime of Saturday's (tomorrow's) Arizona State University's homecoming football game versus the California Golden Bears at Tempe's Sun Devil Stadium, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer will honor Arizona native and NFL Hall of Famer Randall McDaniel by proclaiming "Randall McDaniel Day."

"Randall McDaniel, an Arizona native son, is a great role model for Arizona's youth," said Governor Brewer. "Mr. McDaniel has had an illustrious career and has made his native state proud, not only through his performance in the National Football League, but also through his leadership in his community. His accomplishments and service should be celebrated by all citizens of Arizona."

Born in Phoenix, Mr. McDaniel attended Agua Fria High School where he played tight end on the football team, ran track, and played center on the basketball team. He then took his athleticism to Arizona State University where he was awarded first-team All-Pac 10 honors as well as the Morris Trophy, which is given to the conference's most outstanding offensive lineman. His proven football abilities took him to the NFL in 1988. Throughout his extensive professional career, he started 202 consecutive games, was named All-Pro nine consecutive times and set an NFL record by starting in 12 consecutive Pro Bowls, establishing himself as one of the greatest offensive lineman ever to play the game. He was elected into the ASU Sports Hall of Fame in 1999, the College Football Hall of Fame in 2008 and became the first native Arizonan elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009.

Beyond his successful football career, Mr. McDaniel has been a leader in his community by providing great opportunities for our youth. He established the R.O.C.K (Reaching Out to Challenge Kids) Foundation, an umbrella organization for his many community initiatives, including "Team McDaniel," an afterschool program to encourage community service by middle school students.